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JAMES A DAVIS, D. D.

THE ELOQUENT DIVINE OF TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

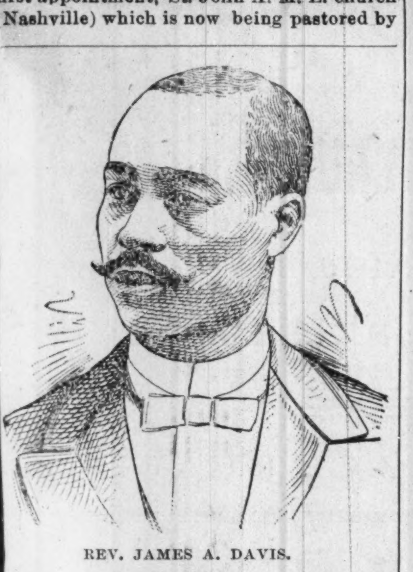
PROBABLE SUCCESSOR OF DR.

C. S. Smith in the Sunday School Union--His Knowledge of Affairs And His Natural Fitness Make Him A Formidable Candidate.

The Rev. James A. Davis, D. D., the subject of this sketch, whose cut appears in this issue, has often been introduced to the readers of The Freeman.

He is one of the most gifted and popular ministers in the A. M. E. Church. He has been prominent before the church for a number of years, and is now being mentioned as the probable successor of Dr. C. S. Smith in the Sunday-school Union at Nashville.

Dr. Davis is a native of Kentucky. He was born in Oldham county, Dec. 19, 1861. He was converted and joined the church in 1878. He was licensed to preach by the Rev J. A. Jordan in 1879. In 1882, he was admitted into the itinerant ministry, and for the last twelve years has pastored some of the largest and most influential churches in the gift of his connection.


REV. JAMES A. DAVIS.

He is now serving his eighth appointment in the city of Nashville, and is as popular and strong to-day as when he received his first appointment, St. John A. M. E. church (Nashville) which is now being pastored by the eloquent, Dr. Tyree, enjoyed one of the most prosperous pastorates known in its history under the leadership of Dr. Davis. A heavy mortgage debt of nearly $20,000 was reduced to less than $6,000, and the present beautiful structure finished at a cost of $4,000. Besides he added a membership of over three hundred souls to the church.

St. Paul, his present pastorate, three years ago was repaired and beautified at a cost of some $2,000. These magnificent efforts, together with his matchless record in the past, have placed him in the front ranks of the ministry of his church. And to-day he enjoys the distinction of being "the young money king of the connection."

In personal appearance, Dr. Davis is below the medium size, with clear-cut, scholarly features, and possesses a most winning address. As a pastor, he is actively personified and an indefatigable worker. He possesses the art of an organizer and director, which is the key to successful church work.

With a broad grasp of the situation and a mind awake to the minutest details, he is a natural leader, and never wants for a following. With ready tact and warm sympathy, he knows how to approach and win men. Having a rich social nature, a kindly disposition, and the polish of a true gentleman, he is admired and esteemed throughout the entire A. M. E. Church.

Among the many who are being discussed for higher positions in the church, his name is being prominently mentioned as the successor of Dr. C. S. Smith. For eight years he has been identified with the Sunday-school Union as secretary of General Board, and also secretary of the Executive Board, and is more fully acquainted with the working of the institution than any other man outside of Dr. Smith himself. His knowledge of affairs, together with his natural fitness make him the logical successor of the present incumbent who aspires to the bishopric. Besides this, he has an extensive acquaintance with the business and monied men of Nashville, both white and black, and can bring to his aid whatever support desired.

The Christian Recorder, under date of Jan. 4, 1900, said of him: "Rev. J. A. Davis, D. D., the little giant of Tennessee, should be given the management of the Sunday-school Union. If Dr. Davis is elected secretary of the Sunday-school, and the Union is placed upon a self-supporting basis, he will make it go. Rev. Davis is well known to the church as one of the most fearless champions of economy and justice. He is, by right, heir to this department; his great work for the church, his many articles in past years relative to how the Sunday-school department should be managed, and his well-known ability combined, make him the logical candidate, and hence should receive support from all quarters of the connection."

The Rev. G. H. Burks, delegate-elect to the General Conference from Kentucky, through the columns of The Southern Christian Recorder, Jan. 11, 1900, said of him: "I put in nomination Rev. J. A. Davis, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., for secretary of our Sunday-school Union. I am certain he will reflect credit on the position, for he is better acquainted with the workings of the department than any one we know of, except the present secretary. Dr. Davis is a sound theologian, a good preacher and a man of business qualifications."

In the same church organ, under date of Feb. 1, 1900, Rev. B. G. Gordon of the Tennessee delegation to the General Conference writes: "A motion has been made by Rev. G. H. Burks of Kentucky, nominating Rev. J. A. Davis for secretary of the Sunday-school Union. I second the nomination, because I know Dr. Davis' ability as a preacher, orator, a deep theologian and as a business man."

The Nashville American, The Nashville Banner, Paul Quinn Weekly, The Dallas Express and The Freeman, have also made favorable mention of Dr. Davis to succeed Dr. Smith in the Sunday-school Union.

These, however, are but a few of the many mentions of Dr. Davis' name for the secretaryship of the Sunday-school Union, all of which evidence the fact that there is a general demand both upon the part of his friends within and without the church for his elevation. But Dr. Davis is a staunch friend of Dr. Tyree, and does not care to push his candidacy to the detriment of the latter.

In conversation with your correspondent he said: "Yes, sir; I am aware that my name is being very generally mentioned to succeed Dr. Smith in the Union. But Dr. Tyree is my friend, and I shall do nothing to injure his chances for the bishopric, and he will have my support from first to last.

If, after the contest for the bishopric is over, my friends should do me the honor of voting for me for the Union, I shall feel more than pleased, and if ever elected, I pledge the church my best efforts to make the Sunday-school Union all that it once was."

REV. J. W. PICKETT, M. D.

Memorial Day--Other Happinings.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.—Allen Day, which is commemorated in honor of Richard Allen, the founder of the A.M.E. Church was celebrated at St. Peter's A. M. E. church Wednesday, Feb. 14; Rev. J. W. Porter, pastor. Mrs. Ferguson, mother of Mr. L. L. Ferguson, died recently after a long illness. Messrs. Steele & White and J. X. Radcliff, have consolidated their barbershops on Strawberry street. Mr. Henry Russell, an aged and respectable citizen, died after a brief illness February 4. Mr. Wallace Tyler, long known here as one of the oldest hack drivers in the city, died here recently. He was a member of several lodges. Mr. Jerry Cabb of this city was recently married to a young Indian squaw, who is a decendant of Sitting Bull. The marriage took place in the Indian territory. Mr. Will Johnson and wife recently returned from St. Louis after a brief stay. Mr. Will Newby and Miss Lizzie McCrae were married recently greatly to the surprise of their many friends. After a wedding feast was spread they took an extended honey-moon trip to St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Grant S. Neal, The Freeman's hustling representative, is in the city taking subscriptions. He has a long list of them: among them are prominent white lawyers, doctors and men of all professions. He is being welcomed by the citizens here. Mr. A. M. Townsend arrived in the city February 1. He will begin immediately to teach music at the Francis Rhoda College which is conducted by Prof. Leftwich, who has prepared an excellent program to be rendered on Feb. 22—Washington's birthday. Mr. J. P. Steele lost his baby recently. The Dixon-Page alderman's contest resulted in victory for the former, as the latter did not care to pursue the contest further. Mr. Alexander Whitfield has returned to Chicago after a brief stay in the city. Mrs. Freeman, formerly of Evansville, Ind., is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. N. R. Kimbrough. When in the city be sure to get The Freeman from W. L. Johnson who handles all the leading race journals.

Paducah Snapshots.

Paducah, Ky., Special.—The Paducah Dramatic Club gave an entertainment Monday night, the 12th at Odd-Fellows' Hall. Charlie Jones and John Carothers will play an exhibition game of pool soon for the championship of the state. Miss Mary Mansfield is ill. Miss Julia Brooks of Hopkinsville, is visiting Miss Willie Mohead. The 4th brass band has reorganized. The remains of Miss Ella Perry were shipped here from the insane asylum a few days ago. Mr. Pete Miller who suffered a sprained limb the result of a runaway accident, is improved. For the benefit of Mr. James Leach, a swell supper was served at Will Leach's cafe by a limited number of his friends. James Grogan was sent to the pest house on account of small-pox. Lewis Ward was ill this week.

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JOSHUA A. BROCKETT.

MAJOR'S MELANGE.

THE FREEMAN AS AN EDUCATOR OF THE MASSES--THE CRITERION OF NEGRO JOURNALISM.

The last decade has brought to light many revelations appertaining to the race. Every specimen of Negro ingenuity worth a moments notice has came to the surface through no less potent factor than the Negro press. If for no other reason than posessing a black epidermus, the Negro has been hated, hounded and hung, in no instance can history retrace or restrain the incidents or features leading up to the dare deviltry, perpetrators and perpetrated, that the Negro press has not spoken its entire mind and feeling upon the matter. If rom some Institution of learning in the North, East, South or West, where the black boy or the black girl by their high marks of excellence have brought honor to the race and blessed their family name. The Negro editor ever alert [like some great astronomer sweeping the heavens for some ether-god of light] for the glorious occupation of using his best gold pen, to write his very best thoughts in eulogy of the young hero or heroine as the case has often been. Here the lawyer pleads a complex case, strung tight with legal technicalities, his face black, that of his client, white; all of the spectators of the scene where the brilliancy of intellect is matched for the fray that will determine profit or loss for the race, have shades of opinion, but public opinion, the press and natural ability, besides the capability of well won laurels, give him, the Negro, the advantage over his promising young antagonist, whose whole stock in trade constitutes a frazzled but stale chestnut, love of Salmagunda handed down from the family tree, to-getner with a swallow tail coat with a legend to it, which runs like this. ',This is the coat worn by John C. Calhoun, whose dignified grim visage is handed down to the wearer." Or when some mysterious occult disease lays low some favorite, the daughter, or son, or gray haired sire; the doctor of the town puzzled, the Negro doctor is called as a last resort and the patient recovers as is often the case, the Negro press exultant and enraptured, tells the world the facts of the matter while yet the daily newspapers and the people they represent are startled, dumbfounded and silent. If in battle array the forces are so marshalled that the right or left flank is endangered or possibly partially surrounded by the enemy and the American Negro soldier stalks the valley of death with nothing but daring and intrepid gallantry to spur him on, he cuts down the enemy and saves the sons of the Georgians whose occupation consists in lynching Negroes, it is then the Negro press, like a great trumpeter, heralds forth in clarion notes th facts of a vanquished host by onr bravese in ebony. The Negro press has for many years not only stood sponser at the bar of public opinion for the race, but it has acted the ever alert chaperone for the Negro debutant or debutantee, anxious for their maintainence of honor, eager of their conquests and while proud of the glory in achievements the first to proclaim the joyful news of success and always sorrowful and hesitating to pen defeat.

In every crisis where the minister, the historian, the lawyer, doctor, mechanic, author, inventor, farmer, teacher, singer, actor or whatever the calling in life may be, no paper in North America has done as much as the Indianapolis Freeman, during its existence to make certain and sure the irrepressible facts pertaining to them, known. It has always taken "high gro lamented N Cuney said to the Negro of Texas, and maintained its established principle in all its racial affairs. In its far reaching embrace it has shone forth like a great star guiding the wanderer, sounding the depths, pointing out the shoals and quicksands and counseling the race to be conservative, stalwart in righteousness and in vengeance to be always just. Like a naval monitor it has stood the assaults of envy and jealousy and like little Geo. Dixon who knocked out every thing that got in front of him, the great Freeman unsullied moves majestically on filling its mission as the great educator of the masses of the race and convincing the onward Caucassian that the prophets of the 60's were mere visionary dreamers; that the Negro lives, multiplies, accumulates, learns and in a few more decades will close up the social and ethnological chasm that grows lesser year by year.

In politics the Indianapolis Freeman has never wavered in a clear forcible enouncíation of the principles of Lincoln, Douglass, Grant, Logan, Sumner, McKinley, Fairbanks and Beveridge. The citizen of the black nation has never been played with. Hide and seek has never bedrabled The Freeman's garments. It has ever been the firm Black Goddess of Republicanism since Hon. Geo. L. Knox became the publisher, upholding in one hand the light giving torch of honesty, steadiness of purpose and race constancy; while in the other she holds the parchment of peace. The great paper is always in the happy mean never extreme, fanatical nor given to lassitude. It knows when and how to speak on all public, religious or social issues and because of this it has long since been adopted as the only safe news paper of the American Republic, published by the race. Its solidity from a financial standpoint makes it a certainty. Its firmness from a political standpoint makes it a safe paper. Its truthfullness and high purpose with justice tempered with mercy makes it a great paper.

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M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

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CEREAL EXPORTS.

Statistics of the Way This Country Feeds the World.

The importance of the American farmer is not revealed in its fullest extent until his relation to the world's food supply is considered That relation .it may be stated is a very intimate one, as men of all nations would attest if the farmer should suddenly decide to go out of business and live on the gains of the past two years. Then the old adage "Half a loaf is better than none," might find a more literal interpretation than in this well-fed age.

One cannot travel through the big wheat farms of the northwest without being wonderfully impressed with their show of industry and enterprise. They give the farmer his most favorable background. But it is necessary to resort to dull statistics to know the part played by the agriculturists of the United States in guarding the world from a perpetual hunger, to say nothing of the American cattlemen.

To begin at once on facts, the American farmer is responsible for annual exports aggregating in value $300,000,000 for cereal alone. This, be it remembered, is after catering to a very heavy home demand. The largest single item is furnish by wheat. Corn, cornmeal and flour contribute the other parts. Last fiscal year was a record one for flour, when 18,485,620 barrels were shipped. The number of bushels of wheat was 139,432,815. In 1891 the amount of wheat was 161,000,000 bushels, which is the greatest total of which any account is to be had. During 1897-98 the exports of corn amounted to 208,744,000, which was the record in that cereal up to that time.

If one wishes to show the stupendous results of agrarian labor one should turn to the figures given in the last annual report of the New York Produce Exchange, which contains export figures since 1831, when records were first available. Since that year the value of the cereals sent abroad from the United States has footed up to over six billions of dollars. This means that something like 4,300,000,000 bushels of corn and wheat have been sent out of the country to supply deficiencies in the food products of European nations.

There has been a gradual development in these sixty-eight years, with several periods of very rapid expansion. For instance, in the five years ending with September, 1835, the amount of wheat exported was only 614,145 bushels. The output of flour in that interval was 5,241,964 barrels. By 1865 the wheat exports had risen to a total of 138,306,000 bushels; ten years later they were 224,019,376 bushels, doubling in the fiveyear period following.

The best prices that the farmer has received for his wheat came between 1865 and 1870, when he averaged on the five years $1.43 a bushel. The average between 1890 and 1895 was 82 cents. In 1895 he only received 65 cents for what wheat he sent abroad, and shipped out 40,000,000 bushels, less than one-third of last year's export total.

An interesting study from the figures given in the report has been made of the proportion of wheat shipped as flour to the total since 1831. In that year it reached 97.2 per cent. The ratio fell rapidly until 1880, when the percentage was only 18.84 Last year it was 40.68 p[illegible]—N. Y Mail and Express.

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" Premium Late Flat Dutch,	5	Radish—Vick's Early Scarlet Globe,	5	Eschscholtzia (California Poppy),	5
Carrot—Danvers Half Long Orange,	5	" Imp. Long Scarlet Short Top,	5	Mignonette,	5
Cucumber—Imp. Early White Spine,	5	Salsify—Mammoth Sandwich Island,	5	Nasturtium—Climbing, Mixed Colors,	5
" Improved Long Green,	5	Squash—Boston Marrow,	5	Pansy—Fine Mixed,	10
Celery—Golden Heart,	5	Tomato—Bright and Early,	10	Phlox—Grandiflora Mixed,	10
Cress—Curled Garden,	5	Turnip—Purple Top Strap Leap,	5	Poppy—Vick's Brilliant Mixed,	10
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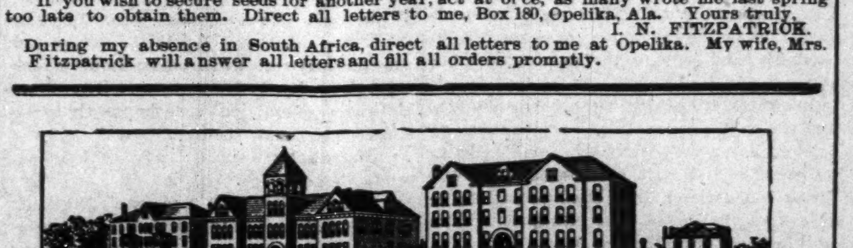

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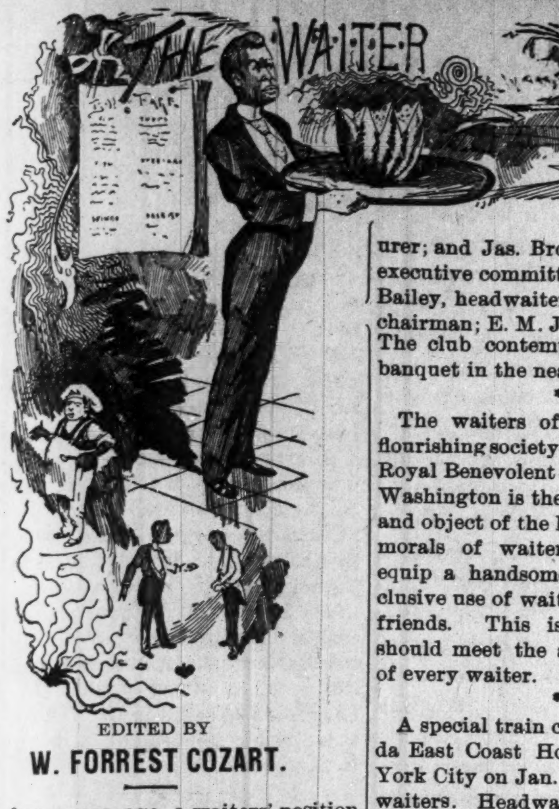

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W. FORREST COZART.

A few years ago a waiters' position was not looked upon with much consequence, and the man that followed "waiting" often found himself discriminated against, and even now there are a few localities that still indulge in this nefarious practice.

But there has been a great revolution in waiters as well as "waiting," the steamboat style has been relegated to the rear, and the ruffians have been supplanted by the progressive, intelligent and educated young men. Generally speaking, the waiters of to-day are good sober men of education and progress, who are entering a new era where they will learn the profession from a scientific standpoint.

It may not be generally known, but, most of our leading men of to-day have risen from the position of a waiter; for instance Bishop B. W. Arnett is an ex-headwaiter; having served in Pittsburg, Pa., way back in the 50s. In 1880 Chas. Smiley, Chicago's famous caterer, was a side-waiter for Kinsley.

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J. T. Timberlake. headwaiter at the Guylock Hotel, Cleveland, O., sends best regards to The Freeman and many friends.

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J. J. Miles, headwaiter of the Plankington Hotel, at Milwaukee, Wis., has been appointed a member of the Charles Sumner Monumental committee by Gov. Scofield.

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The waiters of Pittsburg. Pa., recently gave a classical concert, from which they realized fifty dollars. Mr. H. Pettigrew, headwaiter of tho Monongehala House, managed the affair.

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F. N. Dozier, who died at Indianapolis, Ind.. Jan. 25, was a member of the Headwaiters' Association, and his beneficiaries will receive the regular $100 death benefit. Mr. Dozier was formerly headwaiter at the Armstrong Hotel, Rome, Ga.

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The head-waiters of Washington. D. C., have organized a local association which will act as an auxilliary to the Head and Second Waiters' National Benefit Association. The officers of the auxilliary are: R. S. Locke, headwaiter of the Shoreham, president; and W. F. Naylor, secretary.

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Almost every waiter in the country is anxious to go to the Paris Exposition but from the present outlook their chances are very poor. The concessionaire for the American restaurant at the exposition has not yet been selected, therefore, it is not known whether white or colored waiters will be installed.

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The outlook for colored waiters is growing brighter on the Pacific slope. For the last few years white and chinese waiters have been employed almost exclusivly, but the tide is turning and the colored waiters are retrieving lost ground. The Savoy Hotel at San Francisco, Cal., put in colored waiters recently.

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On demand of the labor unions of Cleveland, O., the proprietors of the Hollenden Hotel have discharged Messrs. Morse and Harris, head and second-waiter, both, who had filled their positions faithfully for years. Two white men, who are members of the union, were installed in the places of Messrs. Morse and Harris.

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The Committee on Education of the Chicago public schools have decided to make special provisions for hotel waiters. The waiters will be furnished free instructions and the study is to equal that in the public night school. The hours are to be from 3 to 5 o'clock every afternoon. This is a grand opportunity, if the waiters would only grasp it.

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The head and side-waiters of Dayton, O., have organized a social club, with the following officers: J. M. Butler, president; Jas. Holt, vice; L. J. Rice, treasurer; and Jas. Brown, secretary. The executive committe is as follows: Geo. Bailey, headwaiter at the Phillips House, chairman; E. M. Johnson and L J. Rice. The club contemplates giving a swell banquet in the near future.

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The waiters of Chicago, Ill., have a flourishing society known as the Waiters' Royal Benevolent League. Mr. L. W. Washington is the president. The aims and object of the league is to better the morals of waiters, and to build and equip a handsome library for the exclusive use of waiters and their visiting friends. This is a grand move and should meet the approval and support of every waiter.

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A special train chartered by the Florida East Coast Hotel system left New York City on Jan. 11, with six hundred waiters. Headwaiter F. P. Thompson was in charge of the expedition. The headwaiters accompanying the train were: T. P. Thompson, Ponce de Leon, St. Augustine; H. C. Green, The Ormond, Ormond; C. H. Booker, Royal Princiana, Palm Beach; R. Mansfield, Palm Beach Inn, Palm Beach; T. C. Smith, Royal Palm, Miami; R. A. Greenlees, Key West Hotel, Key West: R. M. Rush, Colonial Hotel, Nassau, B. I.; W. T. Poindexter, Royal Victoria Hotel, Nassau, B. I., and A. M. Thorn, Alcazar, St. Augustine, Fla. Each headwaite carried a crew of his own which had been carefully selected.

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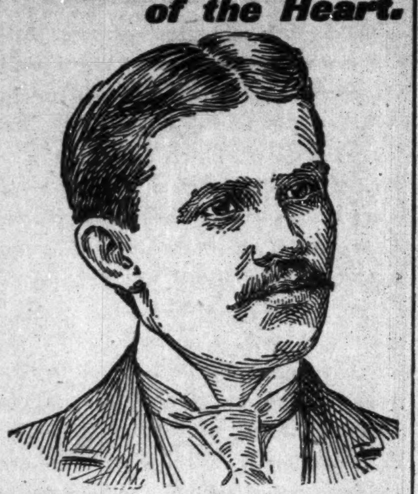

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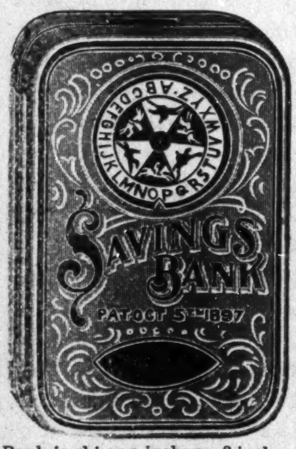

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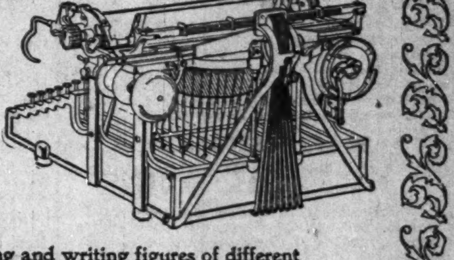

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Times more-trying could never have been called forth that were more perplexing than those in which the great commonor, the plain man, the man of the people was called to wring peace out of confusion. With a humility born of high purposes, God like in demeanor and resoluteness, with malice towards none, with charity towards all, he assumed his fearful responsibilities. What the ungainly, gaunt—he of the shambling gait would do, was the burning question. He became at once the cynosure of all eyes. On him were trained the glasses of ultra civilized Europe, his opponents at home did not spare the homely product of the West, while his best friends held their breath in suspense fearful that the man would not measure up to the occasion.

what he did is now a matter of history.

The skill displayed by the unlettered genius was marvelous. His foresight, his political sagacity, his great generosity will be the topics of unending discussion for all time. Those foreign critics that stood amaked at the "blundering" America were yet amazed at this man's collossal accomplishments. At his death those foreigners that had been inclined to mistrust him were the loudest in their attestation of the merits of the great American, classing him with the best statesmen of any land, of any age.

At Florence Italy, "the honest, the magnanimous citizen, the most worthy chief magistrate of your glorious Federation." A voice from France: "Mr. Lincoln was one of those heroes who re ignorant of themselves; his thoughts will reign after him." The London Express; "He tried to show the world how great, how moderate and how true he could be in the moment of his great triumph." The Liverpool Post said, "If ever there was a man who in trying times avoided offenses, it was Mr. Lincoln.****The memory of his statesmanship, translucent in the highest degree and openly faithful, more than almost any of this age has witnessed, to fact and right, will live in the hearts and minds of the whole Anglo Saxon race as one of the noblest examples of that race's highest qualities."

America now stands as one man as to the true character of the illustrious Lincoln. The North and the South, white and black have but one voice, one sentiment for America's greatest product.

"You lay a wreath on murdered Lincoln's bier
You, who with mocking pencil wont to trace
Broad for the self complacent British sneer
His length of shambling limb his furrowed face.

His gaunt gnarled hands, his unkempt, bristling hair,
His garb uncouth, his bearing ill at ease,
His lack of all we prize as debonair
Of power or will to shine, of art to please.

Beside this corpse, that bears for winding sheet.
The stars and stripes he lived to rear anew
Between the mourners at his head and feet
Say, scurril-jester, is there room for you?

Yes, he had lived to shame me from my sneer
To lame my pencil and confute my pen
To make me own this kind of princess seen
This rail-splitter a true born king of men.

The words of mercy were on his lips
Forgiveness in his heart and on his pen
When this vile murderer brought with swift eclipse
To thoughts of peace on earth, good will to men.

The old world and the new, from sea to sea
Utter one voice of sympathy and shame.
Sore heart, so stopped when it at last beat high
Sad life, cut short as its triumph came.

These verses were taken from a poem in London Punch, on the death of Lincoln.

THE UNITED BROTHERHOOD.

A Fraternal Insurance Association which aims to furnish sick and mortuary benefit to all its members in any part of the United States, Dominion of Canada, and our new Island possessions has been recently organized with Chicago as the national headquarters of the Association.

At the first public announcement of the plans and purposes of the Brotherhood, Mr. Booker T. Washington was present and heartily endorsed the movement, speaking with great force and eloquence of the advantage of this order in race development.

It is a well known fact that with few exceptions all the old line Insurance Companies have refused to insure any man or woman known to be of African descent on the ground that the mortality of the Negro was greated than that of the white man. It is also a fact all the Fraternal Associations, with one exception have the word "white" securely written into their constitution.

From this it will be seen that the United Brotherhood has undertaken pioneer work in attempting to afford the benefits of Fraternal Insurance to the great masses of the colored people, especially in the South.

Mr. Alexander Miles president of the Association and Mason H. Seely Secretary, have spent nearly two years in a scientific study of the mortality of the Negro race. The result of this investigation has established the fact that other things being equal, that is to say given the Negro the same environment as his whiter brother, his longevity exceeds that of the white man.

It is the intention of The United Brotherhood to include within the circle of its benefits every man or woman for whom Fraternal Insurance shall mean economy, thrift, family protection and brotherhood.

☐This is the first organization yet formed that has for its high purpose the creating of a new impulse toward race unity and the establishment of a helpful bond of union that shall unite all sections of our country into one common bond of sympathy and helpfulness.

The following officers have already been selected: Mr. Alenander Miles of Duluth, Minn., president; Mr. Mason H. Seely of Duluth Minn., Secretary; Mr. S. Laing Williams of Chicago, Conselor and Treasurer; Hon. E. H. Wright of Chicago, Dr. H. F. Weaver of Baltimore, Md., members of the Council; Mr. J. Frank Wheaton of Minn., Organizer and Dr. D. H. Williams of Chicago Imperial Medical Director.

In addition to these a Central Governing Council will be made up of seven other men selected from the various states of the Union.

The refusal of an Anderson hotel-keeper to receive Mr. Booker T. Washington as a guest, would be laughable if it were not contemptible. If that hotel keeper could by some miracle secure the place in the appreciation of the American people now held by Booker T. Washington, he could afford to go off and die rather than live to spoil such a splendid career.—The Indianapolis Press.

The Anderson, Ind., hotel episode is far too serious too agitate. The white people are to be congratulated on the stand they took in the matter.

On Wednesday Feb. 14, the Mallory Bros. of the Williams & Walker Co. were called from Indianapolis to the beside of their mother in Jacksonville Ill., who is seriously ill.

PEETERS A CANDIDATE.

J. M. Peeters, M. D., U. S. Prison Surgeon, Owensboro, Ky., announces that he is a candidate for the Lexington Annual Conference which meets at Chicago this year. This is the conference of the M. E. Church of which Simpson Chapel of this city is a member. The doctor, has hobby and rides it. He says:

"That the race should improve and become salutary, it is necessary that they be taught the history of their own people. If they knew more of his own race there would be less inducement to crime. He would emulate the noble instead of the criminal Negro. Some one must make the effort to have the history of the Negro race in America, taught in our schools and colleges, where there is an exclusive Negro attendance. If I am elected, I will offer a resolution to that effect, praying that the great powers of the M. E. church permit us at least to allow Negro history taught in the colored schools of the church.

To the average minded individual, the contention for Negro history to be taught in the schools of the church, is a new doctrine and one that seems inconsistant with the age. But, Dr. Peeters is a man of education, good judgment and moreover a physician to a U. S. Prison. Therefore he is to be heard with respectful attention. What he has seen in his rounds of duty has, doubtlessly influenced his seemingly very strange position. It may be, however, that in his zeal to minify the criminal tendency and being surrounded by that class, he has been unduly influenced, and that all is not as black and hideous as it appears to him.

There is no disposition to quarrel with Dr. Peeters in regards to his statement, however, for statistics certainly show that the population of prisons are much too largely made up from the Negro race, It must be said however, in a spirit of fairness, that the tendency of some localities to bear down on the Negroes does very much to augment these prison populations. Nevertheless it may be believed that the Negroes, still are unproportionally represented, but in the language of Kipling, that's another story.

Just what effect will result by the introduction of Negro histories in schools generally, is scarcely more than a conjecture. If it means the emulation of Negro worthies, the catalogue is none too rich with names for such consideration. This is not an aspersion casted on the race, but time has not allowed the making of many great Negro characters as it will certainly do. True enough there have been a few great individuals whose whole lives were worthy of emulation, Frederick Douglass stands the best of this class of individuals. There are others who have followed closely in his wake. Some of these men have been ideal in every sense of the word, while others have gained an eminence due more to political relations than anything else. It is doubtful if a Negro history that taught that the ways of the politician was the end and aim of life would be counted a success. Yet if this class of individuals were omitted it would largely reduce the class of men that have been prominent enough to hold up as examples for the race.

We have had such men as Bruce, Langston and Lynch whose lives politically and otherwise might serve as a guide for the young American Negro in much the same manner that Abraham Lincoln's life serves the whole people in that it teaches, that obscure birth and rearing does not limit the possibilities of an American citizen. In the life of Booker T. Washington we have the fittest example of the possibilities, since, unlike Lincoln, he was handicapped by more things than poverty.

The lives of the bishops among whom are Tanner, Walters, Hood, Wolsey, Clinton, Arnett, are worthy of Emulation. There are many more who have won distinction in the journalistic arena and field of letters. Lyons, White, Fortune Dunbar, Mitchell, Cooper are names that might be mentioned for a history of Negroes, showing what has been achieved by them. As scholars we have Scarborough, Johnson, Dubois, Council and a host of others. Yet notwithstanding the array of talent, is it to the better interest of the race to hold these up are to hold up the best examples of all mankind?

It is to be hoped that the doctor will be able to go to the conference in order that light may be thrown on his some what startling proposition.

Booker T. Washington's effort at Anderson was in keeping with his well known views on the race question. In the interest of the whole people he has fairly eschewed politics, hence the doctrine of Mr. Washington which means peace is equally acceptable to all parties. He is right in not jeopardizing his great work by rabid political utterances.

The Trumpet is a new publication that has appeared among us. It is published in the interest of the Baptist churches of the state of Indiana. Mr. R. H. Walker Jr., is the editor. He has had some experience in the newspaper work. He feels that his paper fills a long felt want. Success to The Trumpet our very young and tender contemporary.

Charles Alexander, the well known literatus is at Tuskegee, where he has charge of the printing department. He will continue a correspondent to a number of the papers among which is The Freeman. Mr. Alexander has gained much reputation as a serial story writer, in which stories he has generally interwoven some phase of the race problem He is further known as a book reviewer and a publisher of his own works.

THE BLACK MAN'S FORUM.

There has been no truer statement made in regard to the Negro press than the one recently made by "The Colored American" which says: "The Negro newspaper is the black man's only forum where an impartial hearing is guaranteed It is not a luxury but one of the most pressing necessities of this age. The Negro who refuses to sustain an honest race journal is blind to his best interest."—The Shreveport La., Weekly News.

The Colored American is eminently correct when it says that, "The Negro newspaper is the black man's only forum where an impartial hearing is guaranteed." It is safe to say that the present prosperity of the race, civil politically and otherwise is due more to that agency than any other since the emancipation of the race.

There are many journals that are published by white men, that do make some attempt to "tote" fair, but the old saying that, blood is thicker than water is apt enough when it comes to a real "show down" in matters pertaining the races. There are many of these journals whose large hearted editors have learned in opposing wrong generally, to include the wrongs inflicted on Negroes solely because they are Negroes but their names are not legion.

There are many great dailies of this country that have passed the experimental period, success financially assured and reputation established that speak out in defense of the weak and abandoned, fearless of the consequences, knowing that in so doing they but utter their mission or give proof of their cause for existence, but they are few and far between. Yet these with the noblest intentions in serving humanity, can not devote the time and attention to a people that need constant care and supervision as to their rights and privileges. They may thunder in the right tone on the great racial question, but they can not make it incessant. They may denounce a Southern outrage, they may deplore the exclusion of some prominent Negro from a hostelry in the North, but it ends there. There is no movement to mend matters; they simply resolve and that's the end of it.

It is not the chief end and aim of these papers to keep up the struggle for the demolition of racial lines, nor is it urged that they should do so, nor do they go unthanked for the stand that they do take in the defense of right. But some one must make a struggle that is incessant and that devolves on Negro Journals more than any known agency.

There are other dailies that are studiously ignorant of the "little" good that Negroes do, but are painfully solicitous about the evil. However, this class of journals do not flourish in the north and those of that tendency are growing less in the South. There was a time when Southern editors and some Northern ones went out of their way to make scurrilous remarks about Negroes, just in order to keep their "hand in" while awaiting an emergency. Happily that has ended.

There are other dailies, that have troubles of their own, it is all they can do to make ends meet and they are not going to fly in the face of fate trying to mould public opinion. When their wings are little stronger, then they too, may fly away.

So it is the duty of the Negro papers to be the muezzin, standing on the ramparts, keeping live the struggle for more liberty, more light. If it were not for this class of journals, veritable sleuths, wrongs that are inflicted sufficient to overtopple an empire would often go unnoticed. Racial trials and tribulations are only told through Negro publications. They are the means of invoking sympathy for the outrages inflicted no matter where, and they are the distributors of that sympathy. They hold up the the bright side of Negro life as an example for courage, showing to the oncoming generations, that life is worth the struggle to live. Optimistic in the extreme, they glean hope from a gleam of sunshine, which to the other races would be but the last flickering flare of expiring hope. They are parasitical as a rule, clin ging, subsisting a they best can, "sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust." They have a mission to perform, and perform it unmurmuringly, uncomplainingly, regardless of the jeers of the well fed rotund world around. They are the saviours of the race, and save it in spite of itself. In spite of itself for in the eyes of many Negroes themselves, the Negro newspaper is an abomination.

But the great pressure in the race struggle is changing things. The Negro paper is not a "luxury" but an indispensable something. For omitting a very few white papers the Negroes might be inhabitants of the moon for all they know and care. The race is learning that very serious lesson.

THE REPUBLICAN CLUBS.

Met in Convention at Anderson, Ind., Last Monday and Tuesday.

The Republican clubs of Indiana met at Anderson, Ind., this week in annual session. It was the red-letter day in the organization of the Lincoln League. Contrary to former conventions the Negro was well represented and acquitted himself honorably. During the afternoon session on Monday, Hon. Gurley Brewer spoke on "The Negro, as an Expansionist" and was greeted with tremendous applause. Prof. Booker T Washington was the orator of the occasion and his scholarly and strong address won for him and the race he represents rounds and rounds of applause. After a selection by the Linden Quartette, ex-Congressman Charles L. Henry introduced Prof. Washington and the ovation he received was said to be the greatest ever given to a public speaker in Anderson. After Prof. Washington concluded his grand address, there were calls for George L. Knox and he was forced to speak, which he did in that eloquent and persuasive manner, possessed by him. At the conclusion of his remarks, the ovation he received was second only to that given Prof. Washington.

The banquet was held at 10:30 Monday night: Toast Master, E. E. Hendee, Anderson; The League—Put Thy Hands Between the King's Hands, A. M Higgins, Terre Haute; The Republican Editor, Wallace B. Campbell, Anderson; Music—Linden Quartette, Ft. Wayne; Burnt District Republicanism, E. H. Bundy, New Castle; The Administration, A. O. Marsh, Winchester; Music—Linden Quartette, Ft. Wayne; Lincoln, George L. Knox, Indianapolis; Music—Linden Quartette, Ft. Wayne; Morton, John B. Cockrum, Indianapolis; The Army and Navy, Frederick Landis. Logansport; The Hero, Lawton—H. G. Keegan, Ft. Wayne; The Pocket's Gifts to the Nation, G. A. Cunningham, Evansville; The Angle of Light, the Hoosier Politician — Ira C. Batman Bloomington; The Coming Campaign, C. S. Hernley, New Castle. Auld lang syne.

The great number of people who applied for tickets to the banquet, made it embarrassing for a time, until Col. W. W. Huffman of the committee, decided to hold two banquets simultaneously—one at the Hotel Anderson and the other at the Columbia Hotel. The arrangement was that a banquet would be served in the Columbia and at its conclusion those present would adjourn to the dining-room of the Anderson, where the speeches would be made. The pouring rain made this programme a somewhat unpleasant one, but those assigned to the Columbia went there in good nature.

E. E. Hendee was toastmaster and made a brief and happy address in assuming the duties of his position. His remarks were enthusiastically received.

Hon. J. Frank Hanly of Lafayette was assigned to the toast of Lincoln. But he was absent and the subject was handled by George L. Knox, being the first colored man to be so honored. In his happy vein Prof. Knox depicted the life of Lincoln, its inspirations and lessons and truthfully portrayed eloquently the beauties and advantages of Lincoln's life upon American civilization. The League elected officers on Tuesday and adjourned to hold their next meeting in Indianapolis.

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"Oh! The Medicine Man"

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Joe Ricks sends regards to the Housely Bros.

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"Hello! P. G. Lowery, How are you?"—Jas. Lacy.

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Christian sends regards to all that he does not know.

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The Morton Bros., sends regards to Hood and Ed Green,

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"Regards to Fountain and Carrie B. Wood'—Clarence Powell.

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McCarver, Reed and McCarver reports good success this season

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Payton & Harris, comedy sketch artists, are rehearsing a new act.

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Overton & Halliday have in preparation new costumes for the East.

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F. L. Denton sends regards to Chas. Parker, J. A. Watts and Beulah Chambers.

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Miss Anna Cook is doing some great work with the Williams & Walker Quartette.

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The Macon City Kid sends regards to Frank and Jessie, of the Oliver Scott Minstrels.

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Miss Mamie Emerson recieved a diamond ring for her birthday from her husband, Clarence Logan.

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Fred Douglass, of the Williams & Walker company is president of a club of three, which is known as the D. H. and M.

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Rufus Wilson, tuba player with the "Policy Players," spent a pleasant week with his mother and father while at Indianapolis.

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John Rucker, the "Alabama Blossom" sends regards to Patrick, Simpson, Porter and the Housley Bros. He says: "Why Dont You Get a Lady of Your Own."

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Miss Maggie Davis has joined hands with Miss Estella Puggsley, and the remainder of the season will be known as Davis & Puggsley.

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Bob Pannell scores much success nightly with the "Luckiest Coon in Town" with the Scott Minstrels. He sends regards to Dick Thomas.

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Miss Mattie Evans, one of the charming little ladies with the Williams & Walker company, was the guest of her mother during their stay at Indianapolis.

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Miss Madge Warren made a quick visit to Cincinnati Sunday, to see her mother. She returned Monday in time to open at the matinee performance at Indianapolis.

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Clermont & Tucker, composers and arrangers, desire to hear from their many friends and send regards to all professionals. Their address is 711 S. Rampart, New Orleans, La,

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Hilliard Brewer, contortionist, writes that he has been released from the pest-house where he had been held with a mild case of small-pox. He sends regards to members of the Mahara Minstrels.

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The Great American Choir, composed of Messrs. Whiten Viney, Will Tivis, Don Morreno, W. H. Russell, Henry Henderson, Master Bly, Richard Lewis and Ben Moore is closing the first-part with the Scott Minstrels.

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Notes from Moses' "Coontown 400"—"W. H. Powers' new sketch 'Fun in the White Folks' Parlor' assisted by Miss Henrietta Terrell, is a winner althrough the northwest. Tom Jefferson has staged the afterpiece 'Americans Abroad;' the leading people in the act is: W. H, Powers, Blanche Erwin, Cora Jones, Sophia Robinson, B P. Kennette, J. Armstrong and Henrietta Terrell. Everybody is well."

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Walter Brister sends regards to all friends.

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Miss Maggie Davis, the clever soubrette, is a valuable member of the Williams and Walker company.

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Mr. Wilfred H. Day, musical director with the Williams and Walker company, was a Freeman caller, during their engagement here.

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Miss Lottie Thompson, as "Miss Gushington," in "The Policy Players," Williams & Walker's funny farce comedy, keeps the audience in a hilarious condition while before the footlights.

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Mr. Samuel L. Tuck, of the well known firm of Hurtig, Seamon & Tuck, was a Freeman caller, Wednesday. Mr. Tuck represents the above named firm as manager of the Williams & Walker company. Mr. Charles L. Moore, who looks after the interests of the two well known comedians was also a pleasant caller at this office during their engagement at Indianapolis.

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Frank Kirk, comedy musical acrobat, with Rusco & Holland's Original Nashville Students combined with Gideon's Big Minstrel Carnival, has joined hands with Walter Brister, the well known cornet soloist and acrobat. They intend to do a comedy acrobatic musical act, using all novelty instruments of their own manufacture, next season. Mr. Kirk claims to be the first of the race to do a single comedy musical act; also the first one of his race to manufacture and use successfully his own instruments. He says that he intends to make thisthe strongest comedy musical act before the public. He sends regards to Mallory Bros., and Brooks.

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Notes from the Williams and Walker Co. —The Williams & Walker Co. played Jacksonville Ill., the home of the Mallory Bros., Feb. 7th., to a large and appreciative audience. After the show Mr. Sylvester Arbuckle and the young people of Jacksonville gave the company a reception in honor of the Mallory Bros. Among those of the company present were Manager, Sam. L. Tuck, Williams and Walker, Fred Douglass, Ollie Reese, Chas. Moore, Ed Harris, Richard Connor, W. H. Day, Geo. Catlin, Earl Franklin, Lottie Thompson, Mattie Wilkes, Mazie Brooks, Ada Overton, Gracie Halliday Allie Burgoyne, Maggie Davis, Madge and Odessa Warren, Eugenia Wadsworth and the Mallory Bros. Music and dancing were features of the evening.

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The Chicago Orchestra with Theodore Thomas as its director, recently gave place on its program to music of a Negro, in the person of Coleridge Taylor, of London, Eng. It is very probable that this was the first Negro's music that ever appeared on the program of the Thomas Orchestra. It was therefore an event of much interest to the American Negro. The writer did not, however, see any of the colored lovers of music at this concert. The selection was the aria "Onaway! Awake" the principal tenor solo from the cantata "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" of which Mr. Taylor is the author. It was sung by Mr. Whitney Mockeridge, Chicago's favorite tenor. The musical critic in speaking of Mr. Mockeridge's singing has this to say: "His other number came in the second half and was of more immediate interest, as it was an aria from the new "Hiawatha" cantata by Coleridge Taylor, which is to be presented in London in the spring, and for which Mr. Mockeridge has been chosen to create the tenor role. Coleridge Taylor is a decidedly young colored man of twenty-five, whose remarkable musical talent has led him into the realm of composition several times with surprisingly scholarly and finished results.

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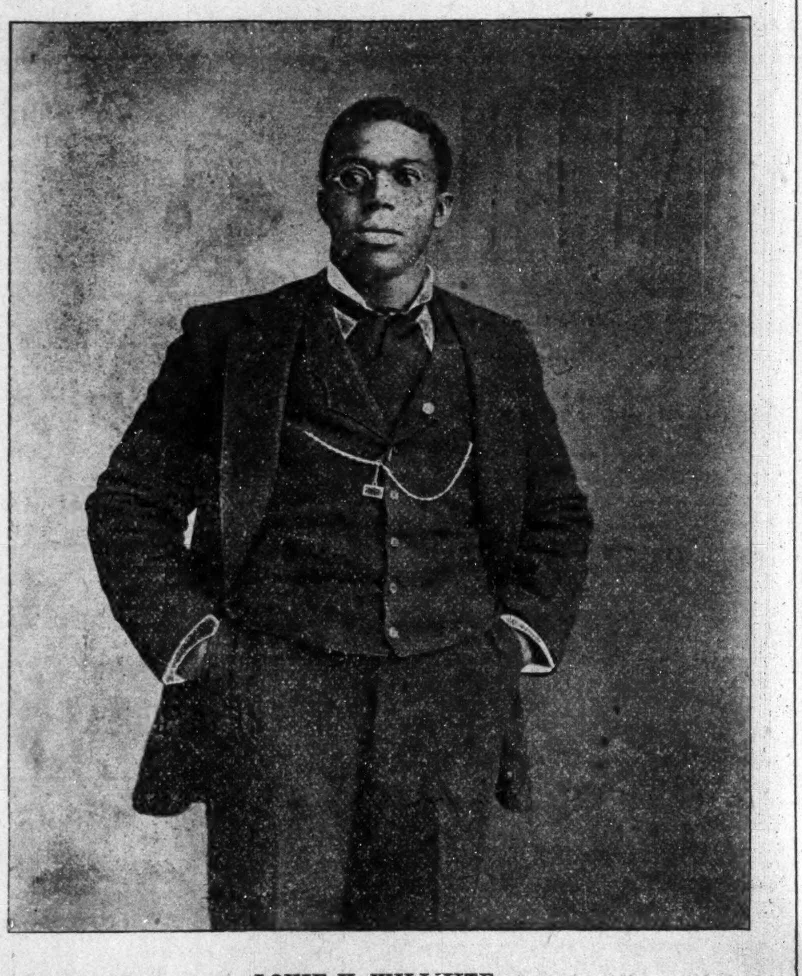
Notes from the Big Minstrel Festival.—We are now in Colorado. At Florence, we encountered the first real cold weather of the season. The weather is so cold that two thirds of the parades have to be made with the drums, the men's horns all being frozen. Our leader, James Lacy being compelled to order his men off of parade and go in to different places to thaw out their instruments. As I stated, this being the first cold weather to encounter, it went hard with the boys, On returning home that night from the show there came up an argument between some of the men as to who could stand the most cold weather. So Bobby Kemp remarked if any body would give him a dollar he would take off his shoes and stockings and walk two blocks through the snow and cold in his bare feet. This was accepted by Wm. C. Crane, who put the money up. Kemp stuck to his word and made the distance several members following him. Craine now mourns the loss of a dollar and while Kemp seems to be in good spirits so far, he has declined to pass any undertaker's place or a cemetery. Next week we make Denver, Col., where the boys all expect to have a big time, this being our last week stand of the season as our closing time is rapidly drawing near. Our manager Mr. Ruscoe and wife leave us in Denver. His partner J. J. Holland takes his place for the rest of the season, Mr. Rusco is unable to stand the climate here. Every one in company seems to be in excellent health and good spirits with the exception of Mr. Jube Brown, who has been on the sick list for several days



LOUIE H. WILLHITE,
Manager of the Madison (S. Dak.) Opera House.

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"Oh! The Medicine Man," yes, he also carried his grip. Indianapolis theatre goers have at last been able to see the well known comedians, Williams & Walker at the head of their own big company of Negro celebrities. They began their engagement of three days at the Park Theatre, the first three nights of this week, giving a matinee daily and judging from the thousands that witnessed these performances, they will undoubtedly keep Indianapolis on their route book in the future. Many thanks to Manager Dickson for booking them. Williams & Walker are prime favorites in this city with the show loving people and they were not slow in showing their appreciation by turning out in large numbers. They are presenting, this season "The Policy Players," an original two act, musical farce comedy written by themselves. "The Policy Players," with of course Messrs. Williams and Walker in the chief roles as "Dusty Cheapman" and "Happy Hotstuff" respectfully, tells the tale of the doings of a policy fiend, who has won a large sum of money on policy and wishes, afterward to enter and mingle with the colored 400 and the many difficulties that he encounters in so doing never fails to keep the audience in a continuous uproar. Some of our critics spoke of the similarity of the play with one given by another colored company at the same theatre several weeks ago, unaware of the fact, as we have often heard before their appearance here, that the other, in its unabridged form, was nothing more or less than a steal from this, the original which was given in its entirety. The majority of the audience looked upon this as a fact and showed their approval. Messrs. Williams and Walker are ably assisted by some of the leading stars in the profession, among them being George Catlin, who is undoubtedly the greatest of all Chinese impersonators. His make up considering the fact that he is of a very dark complexion, with a very heavy mustache is something wonderful; while his "pigeon-English is remarkable. Miss Mattie Wilkes the star soprano was received with rounds of applause. Miss Wilkes has a beautiful voice and good judgement has been used in the selection of her songs which were rendered in an artistic manner. Messrs. Mallory Bros and Miss Mazie Brooks opened the second act in about the most refined musical act heard in this city; the instruments and stage setting making a beautiful picture. Their playing showed the effect of artistic training and they were heartily encored. Misses Overton and Halliday, as the "Honolulu Belles" do a very clever singing and dancing turn. Another act which deserves special mention is the Reese Bros. and Douglass in a gun and baton spinning act that challenges the world. The Reese Bros. are also acrobats of no mean ability. Mr. Walker in the second act with the assistance of Miss Ada Overton, in his latest creation; "The Broadway Coon" was the recipient of repeated encores. The Williams & Walker Quartette, composed of Messrs Williams, Elkins, Orme and Thomas sing in a manner and tone not heard here before and they were compelled to answer several encores. They are ably assisted by Miss Anna Cook, an accomplished soprano. The costumes were beautiful and the chorus singing grand. Several new songs written by Messrs. Williams & Walker are presented during the two acts, prominently among them being "The Medicine Man," "The Man in the Moon Might Tell," "Honolulu Bells." The show as a whole fully came up to the expectations of those that attended and their return next season will be awaited with much interest.

Louie H. Willhite.

The subject of this sketch was born in Louisville, Ky., Dec. 31, 1874. When six years of age, he was taken to Indianapolis to raise. He attended school No. 23, in that city; and was one of the first boys to carry the Indianapolis World. In 1886 he returned to Louisville, remaining but a short while Leaving there he went to Evanston, Ill,, abont twelve miles north of Chicago. He had been in Evanston but two days when he accepted the position as messenger in the Mayor's office; holding this position for five years. In 1894 he left Evanston for Pierre, S. Dak., being there for about three days, afterwhich he went to Okobojo, South Dakota, where for eight months he was engaged on a ranch. Returning to Pierre he entered the Pierre University, working in a hotel and attending school. During the vacation of 1895 he accepted a position as clerk in a Sioux Indian school, St. John's Mission. It was here that young Willhite began to think about his own race in a serious way, and saw plainly that he had made a mistake by leaving home himself. He resigned this position and entered school again, while attending school he got a position as clerk in a hotel. In 1897 he left for Madison, where he entered the State Normal School, being the first Negro to enter this school. He got his old position again as clerk in the Madison House. On the 1st of January 1899, he was called into the First National Bank of Madison, by F. D. Fitts, its president, who is also the owner of the Madison (S. D.,) Opera House, who offered Mr. Willhite the position as manager of the theatre. On February 1, 1899, He took the title as manager of the Madison Opera House, and since that time he has run it in a most satisfactory manner to proprietor and its patrons. It is said on pretty good authority that Mr. Willhite is the only Negro manager of an opera house in the United States. Beside the opera house, he is the sole owner, of all billboards in Madison. He is still in school, and will come out with the class of 1900. He is the president of his class, center rush on the football team, has stock in the building and loan association, and at present he is the only Negro in Madison. Mr. Willhite's mother is now a resident of Indianapolis, Ind. He also has three brothers, two in Louisville and one in Indianapolis.

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AUSTRALIAN NOTES.

For the benefit of all concerned, Tom Logan has made the following arrangements: Mail for members of McAdoo's Co., can be sent care Paling & Co., No. 338 George street Sydney Australia.

Mail for Hogan's minstrels (formerly Curtis') may be sent care Criterion Hotel, Sydney Australia.

Miss Laura Moss the accomplished soprano is scoring hits nightly in her solos.

Madam Cordelia McClain is expected to arrive at Sydney per steamer Alameda Dec. 24.

Lawrence Chenault and Carrie Carter both of Hogans Ministrels are reported to have married a few days ago.

Mrs. Henderson Smith, Jack Hearde and The Brewers formerly of the McAdoo Co., have returned to the United States.

Jerry Chorn the jockey who accompanied the late Curtis Minstrels from America has become disgusted with Australia and returned to the United States.

Ed Johnson (Black Carl) has adopted the name of Carl Dante and is the popular manager and treasurer of Hogan's Afro-American Minstrels.

I am requested by Tom Logan to advise all colored performers that if they know on which side their bread is buttered they will stay as far from Australia as possible. Don't let those who are here "jolly" you to come over as 99 per cent of those now here are wishing to God they'd never left the United States! Let them talk "Australia' all they please but take Logan's tip (you who are there) and stay away from here. Some through weakness—some because "Misery likes company"—and some through pride may write or come back and say "it's great" but Logan's advice is to do all your "two stepping in America and leave this country to those who call it "great." (No joke) Yours truly, HANDY ANDY.

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The South has spent $10,000,000 in public education for Negroes.

There has been 58,960 Negroes lynched n the United States since 1865.—Ex.

About 20 colored teachers are in the mixed schools of greater New York, and some of them have classes where there is not a single colored child.

The Capital Savings Bank of Washington, D. C., an institution entirely under control of Negroes, has been made a depository for the United States Express Company.

Hon. Chas. W. Anderson, the eloquent New York politician, was the toastmaster at the banquet of the colored Republican clubs of New York, which was given last week.

Isaac L Purcell, of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of Palatka, is a noted attorney of the South. He practices before the State and Federal courts and is considered an able practicioner before the Bar.

The 15th annual Session of the colored teachers of Missouri has just adjourned. The attendance was the largest and most representative of any previous session and the subject matter and discussions were the most interesting and progressive since its organization.

The annual meeting of the Tuskegee Negro Conference will occur at Tuskege, Ala., under the auspices of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute on February 21 and 22. The meeting promises to be largely attended by representative colored people from most of the Southern States.

Prince A. Daniels, has for 26 years been in the employ of the First National Bank of Memphis, Tenn. His first employment was that of messenger, but by efficiency and integrity, he has been continually promoted until now he has charge of the bank's collections, handling vast sums of money each and every day.

Dr. D. H. Williams of Chicago, the founder of Provident Hospital, lectured last Friday in St. Paul's A. M. E church, Nashville, Tenn., on the subject—"Heed of Hospitals and Training schools among the colored people of the South." The lecture was under the auspices of the Phyllis Wheatley club, an organization composed of the leading colored women of the city.

Salem Mason, aged 100, died in Nashville recently. The city bought him from the Mason family of Virginia in 1827 for $900. He served the city faithfully for seventy-three years when he was retired on a pension. He was proud of the rich and populous city whose early streets he had graded; whose later improvements he had protected. The good old slave has gone to rest amid a multitude of mourners.

Daniel Murray of the Congressional Library, Washington, D. C., has compiled a list of the books and pamphlets by Negro authors for use in the library of Congress and the Paris Exposition. The list contains about 400 books. All persons able to furnish books or pamphlets on the list or having knowledge of such as are not on the list, are asked to notify him of the same.

"Peg-Leg Williams," a white emigrant agent well known in the South, has been inducing Negroes to leave Georgia by the thousands and go to other States and work for higher wages. The white farmers are angry and threatening and the officers of the law had to place him in jail to keep them from mobbing him. This shows that the South values Negro labor as being the best and cheapest in this country, and is therefore unwilling for the Negro to emigrate in large numbers.

The material advancement of the black race since the war of the rebellion is the romance of history—something marvelous when we consider the depth from which it has risen and the obstacles which for the past 30 years have been in the way of its advancement. Thirty-five years ago there was scarcely one Negro in 500 of the ex-slave population who owned $1000; today there are scores of Negroes in various parts of the country who are worth from $5000 to $50,000 and up ward. In 30 years this race has wiped out 49 per cent of the illiteracy; have 40,000 students in the higher institutions of learning, 20,000 Negro teachers, 30,000 youth's learning trades, 12,000 pursuing scientific courses abroad. 17,000 graduates 254,000 volumes in libraries valued at $500,000 156 normal schools colleges and universities in the south; 500 Negro authors, three banks, 250 newspapers, four magazines, $10,000,000 in school property $15,000,000 in church property. The census of 1890 shows that the Negro population of the United States represents 8,000,000 persons, worth in cash and real estate, acquired largely since the war $400,000,000. The Negroes of Massachuse with $9,004,525.--Exchßa

RUSSIA'S GREAT CANAL.

A Long Ditch To Connect the Baltic And Black Seas.

European papers and scientific magazines are occupying themselves pretty generally at the present moment with criticisms concerning the great ship canal which is destined to connect the Baltic with the Black Sea, work on which was begun last year by the Russian Government, and is being pushed forward with the greatest zeal, and at the same time with a quietness amounting almost to secrecy. When finished the work, on account of its immensity and the almost insuperable difficulty to be overcome, will be worthy of a place beside such modern wonders as the St. Gotthard tunnel, the Suez Canal, the tunnels of Frejus and the Simplon.

The projects offered for the construction of this really herculean labor were many and various, but the choice finally rested between two schemes—one, a proposition to unite the river Dnieper, which flows into the Black Sea, with the Dwina, which empties its waters into the Baltic at Riga; the other a plan to connect the Dniester, west of Odessa, with the river Vistula, which has its mouth at Danzica on the Baltic.

The first of these projects met with the special favor of Alexander III., and is the one which has been adopted for the carrying out of the great work of uniting the two seas. The route starts at Riga, following the course of the Duna River as far as Duneberg, where it is united to the Beresina by means of an immense course cut right through the country. The Beresina and the Dnieper are then used to complete the connection. The total length of the line is 1,600 kilometers, or about 1,000 English miles, 200 kilometers of the entire distance being artificially cut through the land. The work is to be finished in five years if all goes well and a sufficient number of men are kept at work during that period.

The canal is 66 meters, or about 307 feet wide, and about 30 feet deep, thus allowing the largest vessels means of passing from one sea to the other. Seventeen large ports, or artificial bays, are to be constructed along the line as well, each capable of containing a large number of ships, so that a Russian vessel, however large it may be, may make the entire transit in six days, without hindrance of any kind.

The cost of the work, at the lowest estimate, and taking into consideration the means at the disposal of the Russian Government as to the adoption of unpaid labor, will amount to about $120,000,000.

The principal of the reasons for the adoption of the above mentioned plan in preference to the Driester-Vistula project is that the whole passage is kept within the limits of the Russian Empire, thus allowing Russia absolute sovereignty over the entire course.

Putting aside the great political advantages given to Russia by the new enterprise, the gain commercially and economically will be an incalculable one, and beneficial in many more ways than one. With her great power and resources the great semi-Oriental kingdom is in position to carry out with ease works that, in their immensity, recall the wonders of ancient history, and before the undertaking of which a lesser power would retire discouraged.—Rome Correspondent New York Times.

CAT ADOPTS RABBITS.

Robbed of Her Own Litter She Is Content With Substitutes.

A cat on the farm of Andrew Harris, near McKeesport, Pa., has adopted four baby rabbits in the place of the litter of kittens which she recently brought into this world and which Mr. Harris thought the world could get along without. The day after the kittens disappeared the cat was observed carrying something in her mouth to the barn. Three times she was seen making the same journey, and then Mr. Harris made an investigation. He found, hidden in the hay, three baby rabbits. While he was looking at them puss appeared for the fourth time carrying another little rabbit in her mouth. It was deposited with the others and she lay down with them, puurred with the greatest of pride and satisfaction.

The young rabbits are getting along finely. They hop all about with their foster mother. Mr. Harris is proud of his cat and is permitting her to raise her queer family undisturbed, except for the visitors who are constantly calling to witness this queer freak.

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"A good, strong bluff at the proper time is a very good thing, but it may fall flat," said a well known traveling man who is at present visiting Washington. "It was at [illegible] hotels in Kansas City a few days ago that one of the guests stepped into the lobby to leave his umbrella, and not desiring to go to his room thought he would try a scheme of his own to prevent some one from walking off with it. Taking a slip of paper from his pocket in big black letters he wrote the following notice: 'Beware! The man who owns this umbrella weighs over two hundred pounds and can strike a ten-ton blow. He will be back in fifteen minutes.' It was not long after that some one was attracted by the sign, and he feared not the consequences of the dire threat. Quickly taking the coveted umbrella he removed the paper, and, turning it over, wrote on the back as follows: "The man who took the umbrella weighs less than one hundred and fifty pounds, but can walk ten miles an hour. He is never coming back.'"—Washington Times.

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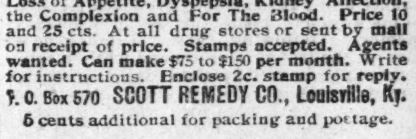

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The mark remained, it never hurt me so!
Her loving kisses did for me more good
Than any kind of ointment ever could.
Long years have passed. I may be childish yet,
That youthful fancy I cannot forget,
For to my aching head, tis something now
To have those dear lips pressed upon my brow.
For I remember how since long ago
She's clasped me in her loving arms, and lo!
I seem a child again, and hear her say,
"I'll kiss it then the pain will go away.
—Kansas City Independent.

St. Louis has a colored woman Mrs. Amanda Larbadie who pays taxes on $100,000.

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Mrs. J. W. Francis of Mound Bayou, Mississippi, is estimated to be worth at from $75,000 to $100,000. Mound Bayou has a population of 1,500 people, all colored

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Miss Imogene Howard, colored teacher in Grammar school No. 80-81, New York City, holds fourth place in the "trip to Paris" contest of the Evening Telegram.

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Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett, the noted "Anti-lynching" lecturess, of Chicago is making a tour in New England in behalf of the Anti-lynching Bureau of the Afro-American Council.

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An Art Department has been established at Morris Brown College, in which all the branches of art will be taught, under thedirection of Prof. J. H. Adams a skilled artist. A commercial department has also been added to the curriculum, in which stenography, typewriting and all commercial forms will be taught by Miss Carrie B. Lee.

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Miss Estelle Hawkins, of Cincinnati, has been elected Class Poetess, by the members of her class in the Walnut Hills High Schools. She is the first person of color that has ever been thus honored, Miss Hawkins is quite young, but her ability and brilliancy, if rightly directed, bid fair to give her a high place among the literary celebrities of her day.

..THE CHURCH..

Rev. J. F. Morrow of Muscogee, Indian Territory has been appointed to represent the Eleventh Episcopal District on the Southern Christian Recorder Board.

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Washington city is known as a "city of churches." There are said to be more than eighty colored churches in the District of Columbia and of that number more than forty are Baptists. Among those that stand high is the Metropolitan Baptist church located on R. Street between 12th and 13th streets N. W. This church is one of the landmarks of Washington.

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Rev. W. H. Nelson D. D. P. L. D. has just closed a series of lectures at the Normal (Ala.) Industrial Institute, before the Special Bible Work department, on "Pentateuch, its authorship, principal events and aims" Dr. Nelson is one of the most scholary biblical students of the race. He is a graduate of Clark University, Gammon Theological Seminary and the Boston Theological school.

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Jacksonville, Fla., has sixty or more colored churches divided among the Missionary Baptists, Primitive Baptists, O. Z. Baptists, A. M. E.; A. M. E. Zion; C. M. E.; I. A. M. E. Presbyterians and Protestant Episcopal denominations. The leading churches are Bethel Baptist church, Rev. J. Milton Waldron, A. M., D. D., pastor; this is a fine brick edifice costing nearly $50,000; Mt. Zion A. M. E. church, Rev. E. J. Griggs pastor, and Ebenezer M. E. church, Rev. J. F. Elliott, B. D., pastor.

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"Education, respectability and worth are the shibboleth; politics incidentally. Politics is not a god to be worshipped above everything else. More downright good accrues to the race from other sources. Secure education, financial competency, ultra respectability and as by magic these long endured civil and political hardships will go a glimmering.

Negroes are beginning to learn that to get on in the world they must pay more attention to those things that make men felt in the community in which they live. Those things are wealth, education, and agreeableness. The Negro's primary needs are too many to allow of waste of time.—Paul Quinn Weekly, Waco, Texas.

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The holiday number of The Freeman contain 24 pages which presents a neat appearance, and only shows that The Freeman is meeting with success.—The Macon (Ga.) Sentinel.

We congratulate the Indianapolis Freeman on its holiday number. It is a gem. The finest piece of work of any Negro Journal we have seen—The Afro-American, Baltimore, Md.

The holiday edition of "The Freeman," the Indianapolis colored people's paper, appeared Saturday and as handsomely edited and illustrated sheet of 24 pages.—Indianapolis Daily Sun.

The Freeman's holiday number was a most attractive paper. The Freeman is a credit to the colored race, and deserves the success achieved.—The Independent, Indianapolis.

Talk about Christmas editions. The Indianapolis Freeman knocked all the rest out. It stands head and shoulders above all the rest.—The Independent, Houston, Texas.

The fine illustrated holiday number of The Freeman is a supreme pace set in Negro journalism. While we congratulate Editor George L. Knox for its well edited columns, the mechanical force is due great credit for artistic workmanship.—The Colorado Slatesman.

We congratulate the Indianapolis (Ind.) Freeman upon its holiday number of 24 pages containing cuts and spicy articles from prominent men of the race. The Freeman is one of the most widely known Negro papers in this country.—Star of Zion.

The holiday edition of the Indianapolis Freeman was a gem and reflects great credit upon the management.

It outstripped all of its contemporaries in its typographical appearance as well as in the enterprising display of "cuts" and literary productions.—The Richmond Planet.

The Freeman of December 30, was a masterly effort on the part of the publisher, containing 24 pages devoted to discussions of topics of the day and current gossip most beneficial to the Negro race. It is certainly worthy of its name, and is the oldest and best Negro journal in the country.—Kansas City Observer.

The Freeman's Holiday edition of of twenty-four pages was as usual up to the top notch, and looms out with many half-tones of leading professional men and women.

It is not as large as we have seen it on similar occassions, still the general make-up is superior to any of its former publications, and brother Knox can jdstly stand at the head of Negro journalism.—Utah Plaindealer.

The holiday number of the Indianapolis Freeman, 24 pages, on good book paper and filled with fine cuts to illustrate instructive and elegant reading matter, has been received. The mechanical make-up of the great publication is a work of art and must be so regarded, while the journal in its entirety makes an impression highly favorable to the race it represents, and creditable to those who got it up. Long may The Freeman live, much may it prosper.—The Dallas (Tex.) Express.

ing among the Negroes of this country, because it gives an idea of the wonderful progress the Negro has made in the printing business. Editor Knox's last effort along the special edition line deserves more than ordinary mention, and places him in the front ranks as a newspaper man. The made-up showed that much skill was required, and the cuts showed off to an advantage; the quality of paper used was the very best. Knox you have done a mighty thing.—The Victoria (Tex.) Guide.

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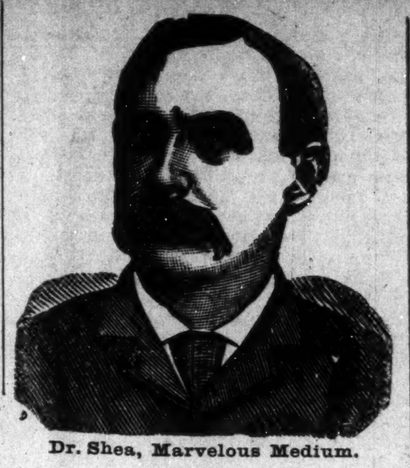

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..CITY NOTES..

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Mr. Fred Malone, of Logansport Ind. was a caller, Thursday.

Rev. Chas. Jones, of Haughville, Ky. is visiting his family.

Presiding Elder Gillam has returned from a trip on his district.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mallory were the guests of Mr and Mrs. G. L. Knox.

The Freeman is always on sale at the Bates House Barber Shop. Price 5c.

Messrs. Bert A. Williams and Geo. Walker with their wives were registered at the Bates House.

Mr. Frederick Lewis left Thursday morning for Toledo O., where he has accepted a position with the Wescott Carriage Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Logan were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Banks in North California st. Mr. Logan is the private secretary of Williams & Walker.

Who said Corbin and Porter has closed. They have the finest Afro-American barbershop in the world and are doing an increased business at the old stand, 344 Indiana ave. "The Man with the Vandike."

Mrs. Bell Tolbert gave a surprise party Wednesday evening in honor of her son whose birthday it was, at their residence, 1321 N. Senate. A pleasant time was had by a host of his many friends all of whom wish him many happy returns of the day.

The Buffaloes Roam.

The Masquerade ball, given under the auspices of McClain Lodge No. 1, B. O. O. B., last Wednesday evening at Cleveland Hall was a decided success. The attendance was large and good natured and the presence of the members of the Williams & Walker Company gave an exceedingly happy impetus to the occasion. The affair was one deserving of credit both to the order and the committees having the matter in charge. The gay masqueraders reveled in glory, tripping the light fantastic to the strains of music from Prof. Shelton's superb orchestra, until the wee small hours of the morning, when all departed for their homes, wishing the Baffaloes a long life and that "Valentine" day will come again.

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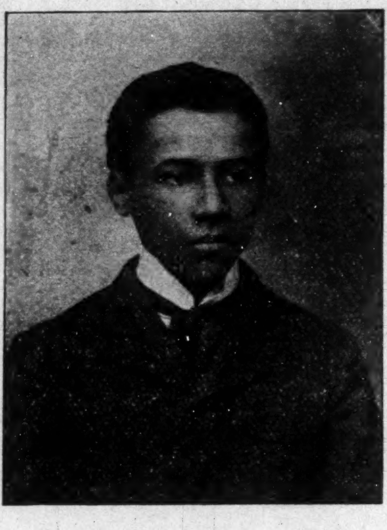
Mr. E C. Royal, the genial proprietor of the Hotel Abodian, at Anderson, Ind., accompanied by his wife, came down to witness the performance of the Williams & Walker company, and to attend the Buffalo masquerade. Mr. Royal is an ex-professonal and general hand shaking was in order when he met his many acquaintances with the company. He sends regards to the Averys, Julius Glenn, Smart & Williams, and friends with the Black Patti Troubadours, Georgia Up-To-Date, and Williams & Walker companies. The Royals returned to Anderson, Thursday evening after a pleasant visit.

THE HIGH SCHOOL SENATE.

The able Speech of William Hill, the Orator of the Class.

The high school senate wrangled through half its session, Friday, over the question whether the new committee on bills and resolutions should report on the bill legalizing boxing contests or whether the retiring committee should bring in majority and minority reports, while, in fact, both reports were made by the latter committee several weeks ago. After much valuable time had been wasted, the new committee made an unfavorable report.

The bill providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people was read for the third time, and the discussion of it brought the best speaker in the senate to his feet. Senator Wachtell—William Hill (colored)—spoke in favor of the bill as follows:



"Mr. President—I do not come before this body to present a measure that is contrary to the sublime principles of liberty upon which the government rests; neither do I present this measure without having labored to know that it shall be the means of materializing extendedly the principles of liberty, neither do I contend Mr. President, that my bill should pass without each senator has exerted every effort to know that it shall prove the further developement of such principles. The constitutional Convention is not the object of my attack. The vast and largely growing army of those antagonistic to the present method of electing United States Senators recognize that no body that has ever convened held as members a more brilliant company of statemen. But we claim that no one man, nor set of men has ever embodied all of wisdom Nor can the statesmen of past ages be held responsible for all changes that years bring forth. The Constitutional convention met under peculiar circumstances to formulate a peculiar document and to establish a president which would characterize a new order of civilization, built upon the consent of the governed in such way and manner that the interest of one became the concern of all. And while the Constitution failed to set out the Declaration of Independence as a part of its organic structure it nevertheless was its sole spirit and actuating principle. "Our form of governmental structure was an experiment well to be tried and duly tested. Divine Right of Kings was to be pulled from her lofty pedestal and human rights and the rights of men were to become the ruling features in human government. From time immemorial the people of the earth had been accustomed to a monarchical form of government. Ages of political inaction were behind the people. The question them that logically suggested itself was, are the people capable of ruling themselves? Nor was it at all strange that many of the wisest and best feared for the perpetuity of the republic. These men actuated by motives the most patriotic held out against the rule of democracy until the inevitable forced the compromise which we at length accepted in the form of our present Constitution.

"The election of senators then by the legislatures and not by the people was the concession made to those who doubted the abilty of men to rule themselves. One hundred years have passed away. These years have constituted the trial of democracy. These one hundred years have marked the truimph of the cause. Property and life have been held sacred. Commerce has flourished without fear. And the spirit of anarchy has always met its destruction at the hands of the American people."

"Now democracy as all things else must either advance or retreat. She cannot stand still. If she doubts or hesitates she is lost and the splendid structure of democracy will fall to dust. Now Sir, My proposition is to make an advance. I propose to give to the men who fight our battles and make our bread more of power to rule themselves and to this end I have proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. But at the very beginning I am met with a cry of sacrilege. Sacrilege in our government, sir, must be against—not a document but against the people. When the interests of the people and the contents of a document are identical it would be sacrelege to alter that document one iota. But when they differ it is just as surely sacrilege to hesitate to make the alteration. The people the interests of the people is the supreme thing in our republic and nothing is too sacred to fall before their holy mandate. Now sir, I contend that the interests of the people demands the election of United States Senators by a popular vote. The times have changed the years. The reasons which brought the present method into existence are not now apparent consequently they cannot now apply. There are more reasons for this alteration now than at the time of the organization. During the past century our material advancement has been greater than the wildest dreams of our fathers. Great corporations with their axes to grind and their unlimited corruption funds have become a powerful element in the republic. Money means more to our life today than it did one hundred years ago. The hideous form of corruption has too often of late dragged its slimy form into the legislative halls and corporations boodle and bossism have too often determined upon the election of United States Senators. Is it not a notorious fact that both senators Hanna of Ohio and the multimillionaire Clark of Montana occupy their seats by virtue of their powers of bribery. Now destroy a peoples confidence in their laws-makers and you throw over their laws the odium of contempt. The senatorial toga must be stainless without spot or blemish. If you can bribe a legislature you can no more bribe a whole people than you can draw up an indictment against them. Ten legislators often hold the balance of power. Now I insist that it is easier to bribe ten men than ten thousand. It is safer and cheaper. Hence the man who is elected is more apt to hold an honest seat than by the present mode of election. Again men have the right to know the characters of their servants. There was a time when the members of this body sat here because of their statesmanship and patriotism. Their characters were known, their principles understood and their patriotism tested. But to day a score of men sit here and for the first time act the part of publics servants, without political experience without wisdom and for no other reason than because they possess a bag of money. These men would not dare to ask the people to confirm their election. But let men be nominated before a convention and what is the result? Their past is ransacked and the search-light is thrown upon the path of their history. Their characters are made known and their ability tested and woe to the party and woe to the man who fails to come up to the peoples expections. Thus by a popular election corruption dies and men are elected on their merits."

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Miss Ida Mae Tucker of 1952 Yandes street, who has been making her home with her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Wilks Pope, at McClauesville, just South of the city, 5 miles, died last Thursday Feb. 1, after a little over a week's illness. The funeral was held at Prospect street church last Sunday, Rev. Simmons officiating.

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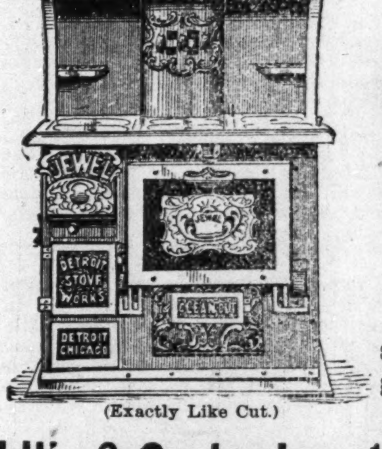

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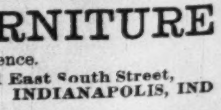

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